

GREENER HOPKINTON

MINUTES

Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6:30 PM, Hopkinton Town Library – Community Room

Present: Jack Ruderman, Bethann McCarthy, Janet Ward, Will Hastings. Guests: Judy and Gail Fayre

-Minutes of October 15 meeting were approved.

-Bethann and Janet reported that the 350.org event was a success. Between 40 and 50 participants joined the effort to sound St. Andrew's church bell well over 350 times in a climate action to signal the need for solid progress at the UN climate meeting in Copenhagen in December.

-The committee agreed that GH should focus on a small number of key projects in the coming year including Healthy Food in the Schools, our Sustainable Community Speaker Series, GH's eNewsletter, the Community Garden, and grants for increased energy efficiency in our municipal buildings.

Will and Gail Fayre suggested a presentation to students during the school day and an additional presentation in the evening. Janet will contact Patrick Miller for a January program on climate change. Bethann will arrange with PAREI for a February program.

-Will shared a DVD on healthy food in school and reported that he hopes to arrange for a brainstorming session with several stakeholders (including Superintendent Steve Chamberlin, food service staff, principals, students, parents and others) to develop a solid plan for introducing healthy food into Hopkinton schools. Judy Favre offered to visit Souhegan HS in Amherst with Will as that school recently transformed its school food program. Gail Fayre noted that Sean LaFrance of HEAL (Healthy Eating and Active Living), in a speech to the Concord Coop Board, shared news of another NH school that transformed its school lunch program.

-In discussing the need for preparing the Community Garden for the spring, Judy volunteered to contact a neighbor who might be willing to donate fertilizer for the garden. The committee approved the purchase of lime which Bill Chapin recommended. Janet will contact Bill to arrange for the spreading of the lime and fertilizer.

-Bethann reported that our Municipal Energy Survey should be completed in four months and should provide valuable information to assist in future applications. The energy subcommittee will contact the Selectmen to advise them of the availability of energy projects funding and possible projects to be considered.

-Bethann suggested that GH invite Hopkinton residents to take the Carbon Challenge. GH will make Challenge materials available at Town Meeting in March.

-Judy noted that the Recycling Committee has discussed a program to introduce kindergarteners to recycling with a view to continuing this program up through the grades.

-In the spring, Will is interested in demonstrating the need for recycling at the High School by spreading garbage on tarps and retrieving recyclables.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. Bethann suggested that GH meet every other month with members interested in working on specific projects meeting in the interim months as well.

Our next meeting will be **THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**, at 6:30 PM in the Hopkinton Town Library.